GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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LIGNITE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of lignite reserves in and around Neyveli in Tamil Nadu at present;

(b) the projects/schemes launched/proposed to be launched for exploiting these reserves; and

(c) the policy of the Government regarding providing employment opportunity to the family members whose land are acquired for mining?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

a) The lignite reserves in and around Neyveli in Tamil Nadu have been estimated at around 30275 million tonnes during December, 2001 as per details given below :

S.N	Field	District	Geological Reserves in Million Tonnes
1.	Neyveli Lignite Field	Cuddalore	3300.00
2.	Bahur Field	Pondy & Cuddalore	633.60
3.	Jayamkondam Field	Artyalur	1168.00
4.	Veeranam Field	Cuddalore	1490.80
5.	Mannargudi Field	Nagapattinam/Thiruvarur/ Thanjavur	22893.00
6.	Others	Artyalur/Cuddalore	789.45
Total			30274.85

b) The present status of exploitation of lignite by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited is as under :

PROJECTS UNDER EXPLOITATION

S.No	Mines	Capacity in Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA)
1.	Mine - I	6.5
2.	Mine - II	10.5
	PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION	
1.	Mine-I Expansion (6.5 MTPA to 10.5 MTPA)	4
2.	Mine IA	3
	PROJECTS PROPOSED	
1.	Mine II Expansion (10.5 MTPA to 15 MTPA)	4.5
2.	Mine III	8

Apart from the above, Srimushnam (South of Vellar) lignite mine project with geological reserves of 604 Million Tonnes is planned to be developed by M/s. Tamil Nadu Industries Captive Power Company and Jayamkondam (North) with geological reserves of 550 Million Tonnes is planned to be developed by M/s. Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation on a joint venture basis.

c) Compensation for acquired land is being paid as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. Under the Act, monetary compensation to the affected families is paid, as fixed by the competent authority, for different categories of land surrendered. Apart from this, NLC has an approved Rehabilitation Action Plan comprising of a physical resettlement package for those surrendering houses and an economic rehabilitation package comprising of self employment training, temporary employment, contract work etc. for land oustees.